

T. W. Garrison.

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My dear Sir,

I should be very glad if you would let Frank write me word, if it is known on what side Dr Worcester of the Swedenborgian Society, voted at the last Presidential contest - or if it is not known <sup>how he voted</sup> on what side he throws his influence.

He has written to his co-Religionists on this side the water a letter which was read at their late Annual Conference which if he did not vote for the Republicans is a bit of ~~the~~ genuine hypocrisy - or at least <sup>shows</sup> a very great change of opinion since the Presidential contest. And as I could not get into my mind that the Dr Worcester I spoke to was so much as a Republican in politics, I felt sure that his letter being written for this side of the water was somewhat colored accordingly. I had an opportunity of bringing it



Some of its inconsistencies - palpable  
Enough to me - but which passed off  
as genuine. As to having feeling with  
most of those to whom it was addressed  
while it was admitted that if he voted  
for any other candidate than the Republican  
he had not acted in consistency with  
the animus of the letter. I ask you to  
let Frank write because I recollect  
that <sup>the mechanism of</sup> working is somewhat troublesome  
to you, & I am sure you must have  
plenty on your hands to occupy your  
time & I should like to see how  
my little party of old is getting  
on in the world. Thank you very  
much for your portrait. I have not  
yet got a volume to fix it in, but  
it shall occupy a very prominent place  
in it when I do. I shall not enter  
into American politics & warfare here  
I have done so to H. C. W. & I have  
no doubt be quite acquainted you with  
my various chances 'anent' the future  
which are certainly not in harmony

Wm. Robertson  
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with hither views & feelings at  
the present crisis. of course it would  
be much pleasanter to agree with  
you in your Expositions of American  
duty & policy, but our views of first  
principles - & even existing facts are  
so very different that this at present  
is impossible. Perhaps additional  
Experience may bring us somewhat  
nearer together in our public views.  
Is there no chance of your coming  
to England, & giving friends here a  
opportunity of talking matters over  
with you. We could say so much  
more than we ~~could~~<sup>can</sup> write, I am  
now free from the Post Office, but  
feel as if I had no place in America  
just now, for I should only be as a  
straw on the top of Niagara, &  
things are far too serious for holiday  
making. General affairs must take  
their course. There are periods  
when as it appears wars must  
rage on the earth, & then with the

W. L. G.



Exhaustion of human energies comes,  
a truce & temporary peace. Your  
forthright latent energies are not yet  
exhausted nor shall the rage for war  
exist with them be even the appearance  
of it amongst those engaged in it. We  
looking on from afar in the light of  
our manifold sad <sup>human</sup> experience during  
the last 60 years will probably sooner  
detect your waning powers than you  
yourself, ~~with~~ But it does not  
appear that there will be any chance  
of peace till many thousands of lives  
are lost, many millions of money wasted.

My best love to Mrs Garrison & all  
your family. Sejour is wandering about  
at Cambridge. What profession will he  
now devote himself to? Thank the family  
very much for her nice letter, we are  
all ordinarily well here, but my son is  
at school about 50 miles from home  
rejoicing in the exercise of his forthright  
powers. Adieu on mine, My dear Sir  
Yours very truly W H Chas  
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